



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C, 26-27 July, 2025

Waiting. Patience. Emptiness

For many people, It is hard to sit and do nothing. Watching people on a bus or train, walking across the street or sitting at the airport terminal, few it seems, are comfortable 'doing nothing'. Most commonly, the phone is a rescue from this opportunity to just 'be'. It seems almost impossible for so many people and young people in particular, to just observe, to just listen, to just watch or to just do nothing!

The proverb "Good things come to those who wait" has long been praised. Why would someone have coined that phrase? Maybe because often it takes time for things to settle, and for us get a fuller picture. If we are unable to reflect or to avoid external distractions, how can we get that fuller picture? It is good to sit still and ask yourself "Why do I find it hard to do nothing?" Sometimes those around us can be challenged by us 'doing nothing' and there seems to be an expectation that if we are not busy, something is wrong. Poor Herman was not able to sit and enjoy doing nothing! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1U97nGbTaU>

One common reason people give as to why they find it hard to do nothing is that they don't like the silence inside them. There are little conversations going on inside us and all sorts of questions, and it is easy to block them out by keeping ourselves busy.

Maybe it would be good, even if it is uncomfortable to sit for a while and let the questions come to us. Of course this can lead to true prayer.

We are called to grow and develop. One way to do this is to practice waiting. I do that, because I have a lot of opportuni-

ties (especially at airports). Sometimes I still get impatient, but I can turn my mind around to just being 'here in this moment'. Instead of getting annoyed, I remind myself to use my time thinking, relaxing or calming down (a few slow deep breaths does wonders)! The song 'Slow Down' by Chuck Girard is sung slowly, and it enables the listener to live the song. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUtXIho15mE6>

We learn from waiting. It can be painful learning, but pain and emptiness produce growth. It can clarify for us what is most important for us. It can make us more compassionate to others. We can become more aware of all the people who are waiting - grieving after having lost a relative or friend; waiting to be reunited with a loved one; preparing for surgery or cancer test results; anticipating exam results; concerned for news about whether someone is alive or dead; frustrated that a war will not end, etc. If we listen closely to the stories in the news we will appreciate that everyone has to wait, everyone has to suffer, everyone has times of emptiness. The blessing comes from not letting this frustrate us. Instead we can "learn from it" and welcome it.

Few things are as they first seem, so it's a sign of maturity for any of us to start to recognise that we don't have all the answers and we can't control all the things we want to. We can't hurry some things enough or fix them up. Often we just have to wait. That is a useful experience in learning our place in this universe.

(by Fr Brian Traynor CP)

Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

Please note
Sunday 11am online
Mass is

<https://youtube.com/live/LyLhZFr91Jc?feature=share>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Parish Priest:
Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest
Fr OBrien Chanda CP
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

Parish Staff:
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)
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Readings for NEXT WEEK
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
Sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and
knowledge and skill
must leave all to be enjoyed by another
who did not toil for it.
This also is vanity and a great evil.
What does a person get from all their toil and strain,
their toil under the sun?
For their days are full of pain,
and their work is a vexation;
even at night their mind does not rest.
This also is vanity
The word of the Lord

your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed
with him in glory.
Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly:
fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed,
which is idolatry.
Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have
stripped off the old self with its practices and have
clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being
renewed in knowledge according to the image of its
creator.
In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, cir-
cumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian,
slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!
The word of God

Responsorial Psalm

You turn man back to dust, and say,
“Turn back, you children of Adam.”
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.
Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11

Brothers and sisters: If you have been raised with
Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ
is, seated at the right hand of God.
Set your minds on things that are above, not on
things that are on earth, for you have died, and your
life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are the poor in spirit;
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell
my brother to divide the family inheritance with
me.” But Jesus said to him, “Friend, who set me to
be a judge or arbitrator over you?”
And Jesus said to the crowd, “Take care! Be on
your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life
does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”
Then Jesus told them a parable: “The land of a rich
man produced abundantly. And he thought to him-
self, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store
my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull
down my barns and build larger ones, and there I
will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say
to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for
many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’
“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night
your life is being demanded of you. And the things
you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is
with those who store up treasures for themselves
but are not rich toward God.”
This is the Gospel, the Good News of the Lord

Reflection

What do you think it means to rely on God rather than on wealth or success?

How can we find lasting purpose in our everyday actions?

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

4:12 YOUTH (our Parish Youth for grd 5 to yr 9)

Please remember that this group is open for children in grade 5 to grade 9. They meet regularly on the second Friday of each month, in August their meeting will be on **FRIDAY, August 8th in the Tim O'Toole Annexe**. A variety of activities is arranged for each gathering. For planning purposes, please contact Trish Brown on 0412 357 350 if you wish to attend.

2025 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM (for children)

Registration for this year's program is now closed.

All of you who have registered, please ensure that you receive an email from PARISH OFFICE on the first week of August 2025. Should you receive no email from us, please contact us as we may have an incorrect detail from you.

The following are the important dates, of which you *must* attend:

- First Family night: Tuesday 16 September at 7pm
(Follow by 4 classes at parish Schools or ASRE)
- Last Family Night: Tuesday 18 November at 7pm
- Session with Bishop: **To be advised**
- Masses: Saturday 22 November at 1pm and 3pm
(choice of Mass will be opened after First family night)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER COLLECTION

In winter St Vinnies receive many requests from people in need of assistance. As always we will have a special collection this weekend at all masses to support the work of this group in the hope of keeping the disadvantaged warm during this bitter winter.

PASSIONIST COMPANION 'COME AND SEE'

Passionist Companion Group had their 'Come & See' session this morning **SATURDAY, 26 JULY, 2025** in the Annexe.

If you missed it, but interested in joining, you may contact the parish office and we will give you more details.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This group welcomes all primary school children and younger to our Children's Liturgy program at 11am Mass each week. Please note that the 11am Mass is being LIVE-STREAMED every week. **We wish to remind parents that all children under 4 or with special needs be accompanied by a parent or older sibling who is older than 13 yrs old.** Our leaders will be easily identifiable, if your child has any allergies, a serious medical condition or special needs, please alert the leader on the day. Due to possible allergic responses we ask that you refrain from bringing any food into the Children's Liturgy space. When the children are returning to their seats after the session please ensure they are aware of where you are seated. We have provided labels for you to write your child's name if you wish. If you have any questions or feedback please feel free to chat to one of our Children's Liturgy volunteers or someone on the parish team.

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

Play your part in preventing abuse:

- Remember that one person can make a difference in the life of a child.
- Be a good role model, listen to children, and be kind and respectful.
- Make it clear that abusive behaviour is never OK.
- Talk to children/young people about respectful relationships.
- Don't accept excuses for violence, victim blaming, or sexist attitudes.
- Learn more about DFV (<https://www.napcan.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/FINAL-DVbrochure-NATIONAL-1.pdf>)

Readings:

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Genesis 18: 20-32

Col 2: 12-14

Luke 11:1-13

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Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

www.universalis.com

This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Anne Marlene Rea, Maria Terezia Szabo, Mavis David, Elaine Gillett, Parama Sivam, Nethanjal Tu'ulakitau, Christopher de Zilva, Christina Williams, Italia Fata, Eva Marie, Dominique Balmano, Marie-Noelle Herchenroder, Kevin Ooi, Rose Liew, Annabelle Ghatt, Maranatha Fidow, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Merlinda B. Szuba, Marian Meade, "Horse" Ian Price, Josip Dujic, Anton Nadarajah, Hector de Santos, Teariki Sword, Rui Manuel Campos, Ruby Reid, Danny Sugunasekera, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Grace Sprigg, Ronella Tyrell **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Fr Thomas Thanh CP, Genevieve Grubert, Lucy Ramirez, Angie Pereira, Lomaga Pau, Aster Setio-rahardjo, Edward Scanlon, Margaret Scanlon, Marilyn Hedrick, Percy Macleod, Cynthia Macleod, Mino Jones, Michael D'Silva **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

Big sale—piety stall
Is EXTENDED TO this weekend 26-27 July
Remember to take this rare opportunity
You may find some religious items which you need at discounted price

Updated Roster 2025

St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2025

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn Lien Phan	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Rohan Wickramasinghe Jennifer Cunningham	Vianney Clark Antionette Gargano Stephen Herbert Binitha Mathew Patricia D'Souza	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Aloma Pereira David Goh Rinku Arora	Sharon Normington Sai Dlinger Naomi Falo Stephen Nasalio Santhanamary	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Jennifer Cunningham Sig Romano	Vianney Clark Antionette Gargano Binitha Mathew Patricia De Souza Marie Claire Maillard	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Michelle Boissezon Rohan Wickramasinghe David Goh	Naomi Falo Sharon Normington Lauren Rafferty Stephen Herbert Santhanamary	Swineetha Disanayake Dominique Maclou Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Carmeline Don Paul Mima Arena	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Nila Fernando Rinku Arora	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Sharon Normington	Peng Chee Jenny Catania Marg Keating

St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2025

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Janina Gorski	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Stephen Nasalio William Roncon
2nd Sunday	Marg Daly Liseby Lapierre	Grace Sudjono Rosa Mitchell	Mars Sota Beth Sota	Charlene Nheu Mignonne Meerwald
3rd Sunday	Liz Flood Trevor Saldanha	Agnes Giam William Round	Alvita Dias Rinku Arora	Jeremy Ferrao Reg Young
4th Sunday	Mark Rolfe Karen Rolfe	Mary Moore Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Yvonne Sherwin	Marg Keating Luiza Monteiro
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Grace Sudjono Janina Gorski	Mary Heaton Jennifer Tanti	Lakni Weerasekera Charlene Nheu